DEMAND XXIX—STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

Dr. H. Parameswaran : Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 4,00,000 under Demand XXIX—Stationery and Printing.

In support of this may I explain to the members of the House that the budget grant for this year is Rs.2,50,000. It was more or less expected to cover the needs of this year. However with the beginning of this year, great anxiety was felt over the possible shortage over stationery materials required in larger numbers for the increased activities of the Registration Department, the Anchal Department, etc., Therefore Government had to make special arrangements with the Government of India for the supply of special paper for these purposes. These demands have increased to the extent of Rs. 4 lakhs on that account. When these materials arrive here, we must be in a position to meet the bills without any delay. This provision is therefore very necessary.

Further, members are already aware that early this year, an unexpected activity had to be taken up by Government by the manufacture of standard note books. An extra expenditure to the extent of Rs. 3 lakhs was incurred therefor. But that arrangement was able to save the people an expenditure amounting to Rs.7 lakhs over costlier note books. Note books at a reasonably low price were thus supplied to the schools and colleges just in time to meet their needs. These expenses could be recuperated by the sale of these books. However we have been forced to stock paper against such contingencies in future and it is expected that a part of this supply may be left over for the next year. Hence I propose the demand for the acceptance of the House.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs.4,00,000 under Demand XXIX—Stationery and Printing was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXX—MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS

35 c. STORES PURCHASE COMMITTEE.

Dr. H. Parameswaran : Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,635 under Demand XXX—Miscellaneoue Departments 35 c. Stores Purchase Committee.

Sir, the repair section has been now in existence for about 3½ years as an auxiliary to the Stores Purchase Committee activities. Its function is largely in the direction of reconditioning scientific equipment and other delicate materials of government which fall into disorder. In the normal course of things, this department exists as a service organisation. These are days when the price of

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